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Unit 5 - Individual Project

Assignment Overview

Type: Individual Project
Unit: Analysis Tools
Due Date: Sun, 4/24/16
Grading Type: Numeric
Points Possible: 240
Points Earned: 0
Deliverable Length: 5-6 pages (body of paper)

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Assignment Details

Assignment Description

You will select a company from [this list](#), and you will analyze the company's financial performance, highlighting accounting principles and methods learned in this course. This project requires you to present, review, and analyze the organization's published annual reports and related footnotes for the last 2 years. Specifically, your paper will cover the following:

- Discuss methods used to account for assets, liabilities, and shareholder equity, and explain how the company's inventory valuation method affects reported results.
- Explain the company's approach to internal controls, and assess its compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley.
- Prepare and interpret the results of horizontal and vertical analyses of the financial statements.
- Prepare and interpret the results of at least 5 ratios, 1 from each of the following categories:
 - Profit Ratios
 - Debt Ratios
 - Efficiency Ratios
 - Equity Ratios
 - Liquidity Ratios
- Assess the company's overall financial performance and the integrity of its internal controls.
- Discuss how various stakeholders—internal and external—use information contained in the financial statements for decision making.

Include the last 2 years of published financial statements as Appendices to your report. Do not include the entire Annual Reports.

Present your findings as a Word document of 5–6 pages formatted in APA style.

Submitting your assignment in APA format means, at a minimum, you will need the following:

- **Title page:** Remember the running head and title in all capital letters.
- **Body:** The body of your paper begins on the page following the title page and it must be double-spaced between paragraphs. The typeface should be 12-pt. Times Roman or 12-pt. Courier in regular black type. Do not use color, bold type, or italics except as required for APA level headings and references. The deliverable length of the body of your paper for this assignment is 5–6 pages. In-text academic citations to support your decisions and analysis are required. A variety of academic sources is encouraged.
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- **Appendices:** Include the last 2 years of the company's published financial statements.

This assignment will be assessed using additional criteria provided [here](#).

Reference

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For assistance with your assignment, please use your text, Web resources, and all course materials.

Individual Project Rubric

Grading Criteria	Percentage
Deliverable requirements addressed; understanding of material and writer's message and intent are clear.	40%
Calculation methods, where required, are contextually appropriate, fully explained, and presented in a manner that is easy to understand.	10%
External research incorporated in the paper, if any, supports the writer's position properly acknowledged and cited; direct quotations may not exceed 10% of the word count of the body of the assignment deliverable (excluded title page, abstract or table of contents if used, tables, exhibits, appendices, and reference page(s).) Inclusion of plagiarized content will not be tolerated and may result in adverse academic consequences.	5%

Critical thinking: Position is well-justified; logical flow; examples provided where appropriate.	20%
Structure: Includes introduction and conclusion; proper paragraph format; reads as a polished academic paper or professional presentation, as appropriate for the required assignment deliverable.	10%
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Reading Assignment

Accounting I & II, chapter 19

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Assignment Objectives

- Explain the meaning and effects of transactions on revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and capital
- Analyze the composition of "Capital" for unincorporated and incorporated for-profit entities
- Explain how accounting policies and practices affect financial accounting information used for "external" decision making purposes
- Discuss the various user groups that need accounting information and the characteristics of the information that they use
- Prepare a Trial Balance, Income Statement, Owner's Equity Statement, and Balance Sheet
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